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Advertising campaign aims to bring money to colleges

By DESIREE FINHERT

"Donald trained one apprentice this year. We trained 25,000."

You may have seen this advertisement slogan from Ontario colleges on bus shelters, but only if you've been to Ottawa recently.

Dave Lindsay, president of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO), explained the advertising campaign to Conestoga College's board of governors at their meeting on March 21.

Lindsay is touring Ontario colleges speaking about the campaign, which is targeted at MPs in Queen's Park.

Lindsay said ACAATO bought every bus shelter ad space around Queen's Park. He then added that there were only six shelters in the area.

"This is a campaign to tell 40 or 50 people around Queen's Park about funding," said Lindsay.

The ads are filled with facts and figures, which are geared toward influencing politicians before the

provincial budget is released this spring.

The goal of the campaign is to persuade MPs to approve \$400 million in funding by 2007 and \$150 million by 2008. This amount will raise education funding to the national average. Ontario colleges are ranked 10th of the 10 provinces in Canada in per-student revenue.

Lindsay said only \$200,000 is being spent on advertising. He compares this to the million-dollar ad campaigns launched by Ontario doctors, who are vying for a new contract, and the ad campaign launched by universities, which are also vying for a funding increase.

"Our campaign starts to look pretty small."

ACAATO is hoping the provincial budget will reflect recommendations made by former Ontario Premier Bob Rae in his review of post-secondary education, released Feb. 7.

Lindsay said during the post-secondary review process colleges received an unusual amount of government and media attention.

"I think it was a wonderful success," said Lindsay, commenting on the communities' participation at round table and town hall meetings across the province. "They (the government) really got our agenda front and centre."

However, Lindsay said after the Rae Review was released there was a cooling off period.

"It had a shelf life of a couple of weeks. It got a lot of press and op-ed pieces and one week later, radio silence."

Lindsay compared the media and the government's reaction to the Rae Review to the opening line of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. He said, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

Lindsay said the ad campaign's purpose is to keep the heat on the government.

"We have got to keep the noise up on many fronts," he said, adding he is concerned that health care could take the bulk of the provincial budget's funding if ACAATO's campaign is not strong.

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CSA heads to Queen's Park to present petitions on funding

By CHANTELLE TIMPERLEY

The College Student Alliance (CSA) will be heading to Queen's Park on Wednesday to present petitions and postcards signed by people upset about the lack of college funding.

CSA represents student governments at colleges across Ontario and is the only official organization that speaks for the province's college students.

Colleges are joining in an effort to encourage students to log onto www.fundmenow.ca or sign postcards at their student government offices to send the message to the Ontario government that colleges are in need of more funding.

The website gives students the option to send their personal stories to Premier Dalton McGuinty and

Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara.

Conestoga Student Inc. president, Justin Falconer, said although the campaign is a good idea, it lacks public support.

"People need to know that the college system is actually funded worse than the prison system in Ontario," he said.

Falconer mentioned the campaign is mostly targeted toward the decision-makers at Queen's Park who determine the budget. He said the campaign needs more media attention and public support to affect the choices of those decision-makers when it comes to colleges.

One of CSA's strategies is to use witty slogans in advertisements about issues like the low funding, automotive jobs and health care.

Falconer said the government has been effective in telling people how broke they are, and in focusing on issues other than education.

"They have lately been focusing on non-financial implicated decisions, like the pitbull ban and the smoking ban," he explained. "They're trying to do these non-cost decisions (in an effort to) win them public favour."

"When the McGuinty government was campaigning, they were telling people that education is a top priority for their government," said Falconer. "Have they made it a top priority? Arguably, I'm going to say no in terms of financially."

Out of the 10 provinces, Ontario currently comes in last when it comes to how much funding they

provide for their colleges.

Falconer said he thinks college students should be a greater priority because they are putting their skills to important use.

"If you want to talk to a college grad, call 911, because they're there," he said. "They're all over the place."

Falconer said Conestoga is suffering because of a deficit, and that there are three colleges close to bankruptcy.

"Conestoga is not in that shape, but there are three colleges that are almost at the point where there's no turning back," said Falconer. "So it's a matter of telling the public that we're going to lose our community colleges because they're going to go bankrupt."

According to the website fundmenow.ca, college tuition has gone up at least 145 per cent in the past 15 years and the government spends less on grants than in 1990.

Colleges are funded less than secondary schools and universities on a per student basis and Ontario's college students are the lowest funded in Canada.

The average debt for a college graduate has gone up nearly 75 per cent. Meanwhile, students are paying more for on-campus housing, covering fees that were previously paid for by the government and attending classes with more students.

They are paying more for less. Postcards are available in the CSI office on the first floor of B-wing.

Vote 56% yes for new student centre

Fifty-six per cent of students who cast a ballot in the student centre referendum voted yes to paying \$60 more a year to fund the new centre.

A total of 883 students voted online and in the CSI office during the referendum from March 14 to 16. The new fee will come into effect this September.

Wrestlemania 21 goes Hollywood

It took less than a minute for this year's show to sell out in Los Angeles.

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College job fair another success

More than 40 employers came to Doon seeking graduating students.

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(Photo by Nicole Deak)

Buzz cut

Police foundations and LASA teacher Andy Kanetsch gets his head shaved by first-year police foundations student Andy Mercier on March 17. He also had his beard and moustache shaved after his students raised \$3,600 for tsunami relief. See Page 3 for additional photos and story.

Business teacher resigns

By PAIGE HILTON

A teacher in Conestoga College's management studies program has unexpectedly resigned.

Roy Carlyle left his position at the college on Feb. 18 and sent an email to his second- and third-year students shortly afterward explaining why he left.

Carlyle wrote to students, "I could have continued at the college, but made the decision to pursue other opportunities." He wished his students well and wrote he felt they would all do well in life.

Carlyle concluded the memo with "hopefully, you received value for your money."

It was initially unclear when and how Carlyle resigned, and some rumours said Carlyle had stood up in the middle of a class and quit.

However, the dean of the school of business, Frank Mensink, said Carlyle actually handed in his resignation right before reading week began.

Another management studies faculty said he had not heard Carlyle left in the middle of a class.

"That doesn't jive with my understanding of what happened," said Keith Calow. "What actually happened, I don't know."

Faye McKay, the chair of the school of business, said Carlyle left for personal reasons.

Mensink said Carlyle is a compe-

tent teacher who is respected by students and colleagues. When Carlyle resigned, Mensink said he was asked to reconsider but declined.

As for the classes Carlyle taught, Mensink said one full-time faculty member has taken on one section while part-time staff took the remainder.

Management studies students who were taught by Carlyle do not know any details other than what they were told in the memo.

Eric Robinson, a 19-year-old second-year management studies student, said his whole class is "up in the air." He said no one knows why Carlyle resigned - not even faculty, and if they do, they are not saying.

Conestoga Students Inc. president Justin Falconer is a former student of Carlyle's and said he is sure other students will miss him.

"He was a hard-working, passionate man who loved to teach. He really believed in young people," said Falconer.

He said Carlyle never made a student who did not understand the course material feel any less than students who did.

"He always used to say if that one student just got something, it was exciting to see their light bulb. That's what he taught for, I think, was those moments when he was able to turn people's lights on."

As of press time Carlyle was unable to be reached for comment.

Now deep thoughts ...with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is your most annoying habit?



"Being an unselfish lover."
*Nick Milbury,
second-year accounting*

"I quote Napoleon Dynamite at least 15 times a day. Idiot!"
*Jackie Heyden,
second-year marketing*



"Annoying? I'm perfect in every way!"
*Natasha Crompton-Dunn,
second-year marketing*

"Driving too slow."
*Melissa Beech,
first-year business
administration
management studies*



"Spending too much money on the ladies."
*Joey Putschli,
second-year mechanical
engineering technology*



"I bite my nails."
*Jess McElroy,
first-year general
business*



Smile Conestoga, you could be our next respondent!

GRT looks at rapid transit

By ALEXANDRA MASTRONARDI

As Waterloo Region climbs to almost 500,000 in population, the tri-cities are in need of rapid public transportation.

The Grand River Transit and Waterloo Region are working together to create a rapid transit service and are seeking suggestions from the public before April 1. The goal is to meet the transportation needs of residents across the region.

Changes will affect the main bus-ing corridor, which includes uptown Waterloo, downtown Kitchener, Fairview and Conestoga malls and into Cambridge, said Dave Durant, senior transportation engineer for the region.

"What usually happens in rapid transit systems is you get what we

call feeder bus services between institutions like hospitals, universities, colleges and so on," he said.

The first step in developing the rapid transit service is preparing a terms of reference report, which was put together in December 2004.

The terms of reference determines factors such as routes, what technology to use and how the public will be affected.

The next step is seeking comment from the public and review agencies, said Durant.

"After receiving suggestions, we incorporate the changes and then formally send it to the Minister of Environment for approval," he said.

Durant said if the plan is approved, they then proceed with the actual

study, which is called an individual environmental assessment.

"But the environmental assessment is not just about the environment, it looks at culture, heritage, existing residents, future residents and a number of other aspects," he said.

The terms of reference process is expected to be complete by June 2005, said Durant.

"If we are successful, we will proceed with the actual study, which could take up to a year or more to complete," he said.

"When that is complete we will plan for implementation. Our target is to achieve that by 2011."

To review the terms of reference visit www.region.waterloo.on.ca. You can e-mail your questions and concerns to ddavid@region.waterloo.on.ca.



(Internet photo)

With a growing population, Kitchener-Waterloo is in dire need of a more efficient public transit system. Grand River Transit and Waterloo Region are working together to find a solution to this problem.

Students find sense of self at Cambridge campus

By JUSTIN BASTIN

Few students even know where the Cambridge campus of Conestoga is, let alone what goes on there.

The campus is tiny, tucked in a small plaza directly north of the Cambridge Centre. Students come to Conestoga Cambridge to upgrade their marks from high school.

Some already have an established career and want to brush up on skills for aptitude tests. Others come to prepare to write the test for their General Education Diploma (high school equivalent). High school credits can be earned in English, math, biology and chemistry.

Many are unsure of what path to follow in terms of both life plan and employment and need guidance.

Amanda Fischer, a 19-year-old employment training readiness (ETR) student looking to go into advertising, said she wouldn't have the knowledge of her own skills and personality type if it

hadn't been for the college.

"The tours helped change my mind and the self-assessments told me I was a lot more outgoing than I thought," she said.

Students enrolled in the eight- to 10-week ETR program explore career possibilities by taking a personality test and touring different workplaces to see if that job is the right fit.

There are also guest speakers from different jobs and students get tips on what happens in the working world, what jobs are hot and which schools offer the appropriate training for them.

"I would have been up in the air (about my career), a lot more confused," said Fisher.

According to Diane Murphy, a teacher at the college, the best part of her job is being able to help people find themselves and set them on the right path.

"I love this job. I've been in transition so I know what it's like to take the next step," she said.

"Seeing the light bulb go off in their eyes, knowing they can take the next step. That feeds me."

"Realizing their potential is probably the biggest payback for me."

Murphy said changing careers several times in one's life is becoming more popular.

"It is a trend, people are changing jobs three to four times in their working life."

The classes are made up of all types of people all seeking change, at a transitional period of their lives.

"I've got a few who've been injured and have to change, a few who've been downsized, a lot of moms who've raised their kids," says Murphy.

"It could be just soul-searching, people saying I've always dreamt of being a nurse."

This makes for an interesting mix.

"There's about 16 students to a room, there's a lot of age gaps," she said. "It's definitely a diversity of people in this class."

Students interested in applying can contact the Conestoga College Information Centre at 519-748-5220, ext. 3656.

Student health coverage set to improve this fall

By JENNIFER HOWDEN

Conestoga students who are covered under the school's health plan next year will be able to claim their benefits starting on Sept. 1.

In previous years, students' coverage has not been recognized until mid-October. This meant they had to pay for prescriptions and other health needs in full and then fill out a reimbursement form to get their money back at a later date. The wait to be reimbursed was four to six weeks.

"You know what the costs are like in September. It's like your wallet is open all the time," said Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) general manager Judy Dusick. "Students don't have the money to cover prescriptions or other things. Now there will be no need to pay the full amount because they are covered right away."

To get the benefits of the health plan students need to present their student card at the pharmacy or doctor's office. Students pay 20 per cent of the bill, with the other 80

per cent being paid by the insurance company.

Conestoga's health plan covers 80 per cent of students' prescriptions, up to \$2,000 per year, and dental coverage, up to \$500 per year.

Massage therapy up to a maximum of \$500 per year will be added to the plan in the fall and chiropractic and physiotherapy coverage will be increased from \$300 to \$500 each. Finally, vision coverage will increase to \$100 every two years.

On-campus job fair a success

By NICOLE DEAK

More than 40 employers participated at Conestoga College's second annual job fair that took place in the E-wing on March 16.

Although most employers were looking for students who are in their third year or who have already graduated, most said they felt the job fair was a complete success.

Clarica, TNT Property Maintenance, Wellington Terrace Nursing, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Home Depot are just a few of the businesses that attended.

Tao Cruikshank, career services officer, said the feedback from employers was mainly positive, however some offered advice for improvement.

"Some felt students weren't prepared enough," said Cruikshank. "They didn't know what names to put on cover letters and many students didn't bring resumes."

Cara Krezek, recruiting supervisor for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said they are looking for people who have their three-year diploma and are looking to get into sales or marketing and are looking to work toward

a management position. She also mentioned a new program opening up for students in the summer.

"We will be starting an internship for students in their third year in the K-W area," she said.

Krezek said this was the first time she has been to a job fair at Conestoga College, and although it went well, she said there was room for improvement.

"The school needs to inform people about how to dress for the part of speaking to employers," said Krezek. "Don't wear jeans."

Not all employers felt there was need for improvement.

Bette Moffat, regional manager for Care Part Nurse in Waterloo, said she was impressed with the school's set up.

"It is so organized. I'm amazed at how smoothly run this is. Everything is so nice. It's perfect!" she said.

One company, Camp Wayne, headed by Brennan Gowman, a Conestoga graduate, is situated in Pennsylvania. The camp is looking to recruit counsellors for sports, arts and crafts and photography. They are looking for people who have completed their first year of

college and have experience working with children.

Gowman said camping in the United States is an amazing opportunity.

"Camping in the U.S. is true camping. A lot of the camps in Canada are watered down," he said. "Kids come for the full two months and we schedule trips to Six Flags, Hershey Park, Boston, New York and Philadelphia. It's a fantastic time."

First-year physical therapy student, Jenn Bonnell, said the job and career fairs the school put on are helpful.

"There are a lot of options and good sources," she said. "It gives me a chance to show them who I am."

The difference between a job fair and a career fair are the employers. In a career fair, students are given the opportunity to research companies but jobs are not available. In a job fair, employers come to the school with positions they need filled.

Cruikshank said the next career fair is planned for Sept. 28 at RIM Park. It has not been decided when the next job fair will be held.

Show us the money

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Board member John Keating expressed his own concern.

"Is the purpose simply to ask for money?" Keating asked.

Lindsay said yes.

"It's crass, it's blunt. We want money," Lindsay added that there are other important issues including transferability and apprenticeships.

ACAATO is encouraging students, faculty, staff and the community to write letters of concern about the lack of college funding to the Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty and the Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara. A form letter is available at the ACAATO website: fundcollegesnow.ca.

At the board of governors meeting college president John Tibbitts recommended that members read the Rae Review.

"It's a very large document," he said. "The philosophy of the Rae Review reflected what we wanted."

Tibbitts told board members that he thought the report was positive.

"I was pleasantly surprised how well Rae understood the issues."

He added that people are starting to understand the college system is struggling. "On one hand our tuition is frozen and on the other our grants are at their end."

Tibbitts said Rae covered many of the issues that the college deemed important, including that there should be one education system. He added that Rae tread carefully on this issue and that he should have said more on the single education system.

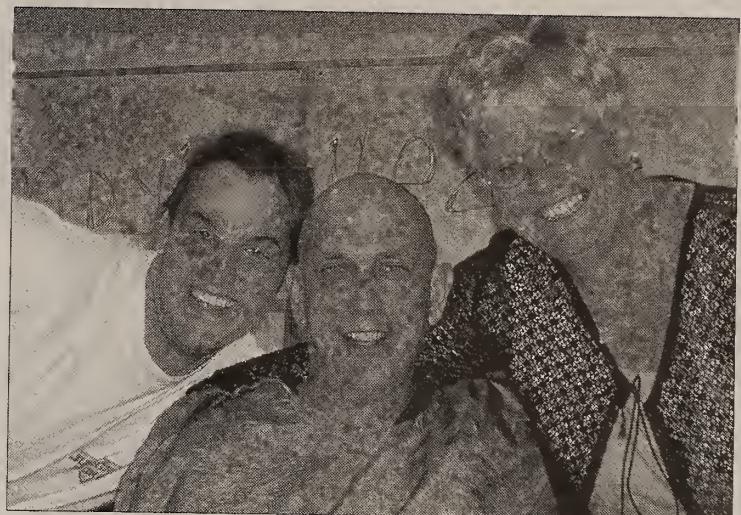
"He didn't want total opposition."

Tibbitts agreed with the report's recommendation to have elite universities that would be involved in research projects. He would like to see about six elite universities and said that the University of Waterloo should be one of them.

He said it's a good report but now they have to wait for it to have an effect and for the government to give them funding.

"On the negative side we have this six-something-million-dollar debt the government is faced with," he said.

"For us, some money would make a difference."



(Photo by Nicole Deak)

First-year police foundations student Andy Mercier (left) smiles with teacher Andy Kanetsch after he shaved his teacher's head March 17. Marlene Lobsinger, owner of Pioneer Hair Works, provided the razors and the cloak for the event. She also helped to shave Kanetsch's beard and moustache.

Students abuzz over head shaving

By NICOLE DEAK

Hair was everywhere after a police foundations/LASA teacher shaved his head March 17.

Andy Kanetsch challenged his students to raise more than \$1,500 for tsunami victims and said if they succeeded, he would shave his head, beard and moustache.

More than \$3,600 was raised by police foundations and LASA students. Kanetsch said he felt the money was for a great cause.

"If we even feed one child I am satisfied," he said.

Andy Mercier, a first-year police foundations student, took the liberty of shaving Kanetsch's head and said it's an event worth remembering.

"This is the crowning achievement of my college career," said the enthused student.

Pioneer Hair Works store owner, Marlene Lobsinger, provided the razors, cloak and her fine-tuning expertise to the hair-shaving event.



(Photo by Dawn Hasson)

Andy Kanetsch prepares to get his head shaved by first-year police foundations student Andy Mercier.

Sporting his new do, Kanetsch said he made the right decision and regrets nothing.

"I made a promise to my students and I feel privileged that they came through to help people in another country," he said. "I am very proud of my students. It just goes to show you that Conestoga students are top-notch."

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Censorship imposed by administration not the right answer

On March 17, Sheridan College administration ripped a story from the hands of Sheridan journalism students, leaving behind a freshly-opened can of worms.

The story's content was based on a controversial photo that had been taken the week before and published in the school newspaper.

At a pub night with a Playboy theme, two female students turned their scantily-clad Playboy bunny-tailed backsides to a photographer, swiveled their heads around to face the camera and posed for a photo without a second thought. Their scandalous pose came back to haunt them when the picture showed up in the school's paper. The women in the photo were outraged and claimed they had no idea the photo would be published.

And so the drama began. Feeding off reactions to the published photo, other journalism students set to work interviewing one of the women in the photo, as well as the newspaper, administration and other students for a story for an Internet newscast.

The story was pulled because the students and administration couldn't agree on how the photos should appear with the story. Journalism students decided to pixelate the faces of the girls in the photo. Administration, wanting the entire picture concealed, stepped in at the last minute and ordered the story be pulled.

Journalism students were left mystified, wondering what exactly had happened to freedom of the press and the public's right to know, both which had been drilled into them since day one of the program.

In a Hamilton Spectator March 19 story, Sheridan president Robert Turner said the college intervened to protect the women in the photo, who had gone on a rampage to destroy every copy of the newspaper they could get their hands on.

It leaves us wondering who our editors really are.

SPOKE has stood firm in the fact that although we are a student newspaper, we are still a newspaper. And, fortunately, to date Conestoga's administration has respected this fact.

We have a right to cover and publish the news — all the news — and our obligation is to do this fairly and accurately by looking at the story from every angle. This means that even the Playboy bunny-type stories will be covered. And, if you're worried that you may show up in an inappropriate photo, perhaps you should question the intentions of the stranger with the camera taking shots and asking for the spelling of your name.

College newspapers do their best to keep the college population informed about what's going on, but will readers really know everything that is happening if college administration can censor what is published?

Most newspapers disregard people who tell them not to run certain stories or photos. So why did this happen at Sheridan? There's no question that it has caused concern in the newsrooms of all colleges with journalism programs.

What people need to remember is that journalists don't go out of their way to sully a person's reputation. People do this to themselves well enough on their own. We just make sure others are aware of what's going on around them, and hope that no censor stands in the way of us doing our job.



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Right to death, not life, the issue

Any person has the right to refuse medical treatment if they want to, and for those who can no longer communicate, the responsibility falls to those closest to the person.

In the case of Terri Schiavo this seems to have been forgotten. Her husband Michael has been fighting her parents for years to have Schiavo's feeding tube removed so she can be allowed to die.

As her husband, Michael Schiavo has the authority to make this decision over that of her parents, but that hasn't stopped the Schindlers from doing everything possible to prevent him from doing so. Most recently, this included the U.S. Congress pushing through a bill to try and keep her alive.

MSNBC articles say Schiavo has been in a persistent vegetative state for 15 years and court-appointed medical experts have testified that her brain damage is so severe she will never regain her cognitive abilities.

However, the Schindlers don't believe this to be true and say that Terri can and does respond to them. They also believe that she will improve over time.

I think it is heartless of them to continue to force their daughter to live in such a hopeless condition.

They are in denial about the fact



Kate
Battler
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that she will never improve.

I know it has to be very difficult for them to let their daughter go, but it's the only humane thing to do.

When Schiavo's husband said she would never want to be kept alive in the state she is in now, I am inclined to believe him.

For one thing, the reason Schiavo suffered brain damage was because she had an eating disorder. Her heart stopped beating due to complications that resulted in her brain being deprived of oxygen. If a person suffers from a self-image problem enough to make her have an eating disorder, then I'd bet money that if she saw herself today she would be revolted.

Also, who wants to live like that. I know I wouldn't, and a number of people I have asked feel the same way. It leaves a person with no self-respect.

Schiavo should be allowed to die and her husband should be allowed to let it happen.

If there's no chance for improve-

ment, why subject this woman to living out the rest of her life with no dignity.

As for the U.S. government and President George W. Bush getting involved, well that's just scary. If they are going to violate Schiavo's rights, what will stop them from violating the rights of others.

They were trying to help the Schindlers stop Schiavo's husband but he was the one who had the right to make the decision. He has said time and time again that Schiavo said she would not want to be kept alive this way.

At least the judges in the federal court upheld previous decisions and twice denied appeals to order Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted.

If I ever needed another reason as to why Canada is better than the U.S., this is it.

I would hope my wishes would be respected in the same situation. If someone else could come in and say, "No, I don't think she would want to die," and was able to overturn my desire just because I couldn't talk for myself and didn't write it down, I would be extremely ticked off.

At least now my desire is known because it says it right here in writing:

I never want to be kept alive by a machine.

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Stop the robot invasion!

We are halfway through the new millennium and it has finally happened, robots have taken human form.

An article appeared in the Record two weeks ago stating a new breed of robot has been "birthing" in Japan. This new invention, a robot secretary, is capable of handling questions, taking notes and performing nearly all the duties of its human counterpart.

As interesting as the article was, I couldn't help but be a bit disturbed by the prospect of a humanoid machine taking the place of a flesh and blood human. Maybe I'm uneasy because of all the sci-fi movies like *The Matrix* and *I, Robot* that

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a sentient army of super-beings, but in a world where automation is taking over and human interaction is dwindling, this seems to be one step too far.

Although I'm young, I can still remember the days when you'd call a company's helpline and be able to speak to a human immediately. There's something to be said about interacting human to human. Even if they aren't all friendly, at least



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you feel like the world isn't populated by cold, unfeeling machines.

The most recent addition to the automated army I've seen in the western world is the robot checkout clerk at Zehrs. Here, the creepiness is enhanced by the perfectly smooth, soothing female voice that mindlessly repeats commands as you frantically struggle to get out of

there. "Please place the next item in the bag" she drones over and over as you wave your groceries before a scanner that looks like HAL from *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Granted, these contraptions do have their uses. The robo-cashier is convenient if there are too many people in the express checkout lane and some (although few) automated telephone operators are more efficient. But putting human-looking robots behind a secretary's desk is going too far. Automated operators, OK. Battery-operated people, just plain creepy!

Women are consumers too



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same trip to Vegas but show a girl winning. Have her and three friends living it up and dancing with a group of hot guys.

And if you think beer companies are alone in catering to guys, boy are you wrong.

Next time you're watching television actually pay attention to the commercials and you'll see how many are directed at guys and how a lot fewer are directed at girls.

Almost every car commercial is made for a guy or from a guy's point of view, not to mention commercials for restaurants, gadgets, any form of electronics and even over-the-counter medicine. Most advertising for movies and music is all about guys too.

As irritating as this all is, it doesn't look like it's going to change anytime soon. So, girls, it looks like we're on our own until all these companies realize that we buy cars, beer and electronics too.

The only time they show a girl is as the arm candy of some guy or dancing around the guys who are featured in the commercial.

I'm not saying they need to get rid of these commercials because, well, a lot of guys drink beer, but so do a lot of girls.

What's stopping the beer companies from making both types of commercials?

They could still give away the

Growing up is exciting but also very scary



Tim
Murphy

Opinion

I've reached a point in my life that years ago I never would have seen myself facing.

College graduation.

More weeks from finishing my first, and hopefully last, stint with post-secondary education, I find myself staring life in the eye, wondering what it will throw at me now.

A full-time job that doesn't involve retail, a car that is reliable, an apartment larger and cleaner than my current abode and responsibility that comes with life.

The responsibility of getting a real job.

It's not too daunting a task though, as I've been in my career choice, journalism, since I was 16.

I'm already working 40 plus hours per week between two jobs, as well as operating my own business on the side.

Add my school work, which I equate to a job as well, and I'm working 60 to 75 hours per week.

I should be looking forward to graduation; I can cut my workload back to perhaps 40 to 50 hours per week.

I should be elated!

And with a "real job" comes one great perk - escaping retail.

Retail has been one of the worst experiences of my college career.

Just a few weeks after starting college, I left my secure job in a kitchen, and stepped up to the sales floor of the world's largest retail corporation.

Donning my blue vest, it felt wonderful to escape the kitchen run by a man who couldn't even take the time to learn my name. I worked for him for two years.

I became part of a team, a professional group of customer service representatives who help guide the

public in their purchasing needs.

Then I opened my eyes.

Customers are never right. Customers are always wrong.

They're irrational, illogical, uncaring, unco-operative and just downright annoying.

True, as our manager would say, "The customers pay our salaries," but I think bankruptcy would be better than serving some of the more irate ones.

As one who is about to depart from the retail world (until perhaps one day upon retirement I see fit to find something to keep myself busy), I would like to impart my years of knowledge upon the general shopping public, so that you understand what is happening during your shopping experience.

The backroom is not some wonderful place full of all the things you are shopping for - the backroom has some sweaty truck unloaders, practically no stock and nothing you want.

If we have it, it's on the floor. Don't ask.

We don't have a computer system. Yes, we are the largest corporation in the world, but there is still no computer to tell us about that CD you want that was released by Dan Fogelberg in 1985.

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politely, not tapping us on the shoulder and not making a motion with your hand for us to come to you.

And finally, yelling at an associate won't help you get your way. We'll say no to you, no matter how much you yell, because we're so desensitized, we just don't care. Save your yelling for a manager, as they're so afraid of customers, they'll give into any wild demands.

Quite often we'll accept returns from other stores, or from our own store that will have to be burned. The two-year-old unwashed bra will certainly go down in the history books of stupid manager mistakes.

Now, as I prepare to step off the sales floor and into the real world, I'll leave you, the average customer, with this.

"It's right beside McDonalds."

CORRECTION

In an opinion column in the March 21 edition of Spoke, it stated that Conestoga College shut down the Condor men's hockey team to save money. In fact, the league collapsed when several teams pulled out. Conestoga explored joining other leagues, but those plans didn't work out.

Spoke apologizes for the error.

CLARIFICATION

In the March 21 issue of Spoke, an article about a Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) board meeting indicated that CSI was looking to hire a student life co-ordinator. In fact, it is the college doing the hiring.

Spoke apologizes for the confusion.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: A Healthy Lifestyle

The pressures of school can easily cause students to lose the balance between taking care of themselves and the need to put their best efforts into succeeding academically.

School, part-time jobs, family and relationships all make demands on us which can cause stress and stress-related illnesses. But there are ways to maintain our health and keep an equilibrium between competing demands on our time and energy. Scheduling in time for self-care may mean reserving several hours a week for a fitness activity we enjoy. We need friends we can talk to about personal matters and daily life, and people to just "hang out" with and do something purely for fun. We need to feel comfortable in being alone, with time for relaxation and quiet reflection.

Getting eight hours of sleep nightly, eating at least one hot, balanced meal daily, maintaining appropriate body weight and monitoring our use of alcohol, caffeine and tobacco are choices that will help us live longer and prevent illness.

Living a healthy lifestyle will also help now, by boosting concentration, memory and stamina. Having a balanced, healthy lifestyle helps us feel more relaxed, in control of the present and our future direction.

*A Message from Student Services
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New legislation has not been widely accepted across the province

Restaurateurs prefer to uncork their own wine

By JENNIFER ORMSTON

Restaurant owners across the province met the new Bring Your Own Wine (BYOW) legislation with apprehension.

At the time of publication, 341 of the 370 establishments that applied for licences under the initiative have been granted approval.

There are 17,400 licensed establishments in the province.

"The thing is, although 341 restaurants have our endorsement, there are some (restaurateurs) who are just putting it in their back pockets," said Ab Campion, spokesperson for the Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

"They are not going to exercise it because they want to see what their competition is doing and whether there is a demand in their community."

"It is a business decision as to how they want to exercise this particular initiative."

*Ab Campion,
Alcohol and Gaming
Commission*

The Ontario government enacted BYOW legislation on Jan. 24, allowing restaurant patrons to bring their own wine when they dine, and Take Home The Rest (THTR) legislation, permitting them to bring home partially consumed bottles, even if they were purchased at the restaurant.

The THTR law stipulates the cork must be properly reinstalled by restaurant staff.

Under this voluntary program,

eligible licensed restaurants may set its corkage fee for opening the bottle at any price they choose.

Locally, the program is off to a slow start.



to the program.

"When the premier first broached this, he said that this was about bringing Ontario into the 21st century."

Some restaurateurs believe the legislation will cause more harm than good for the dining industry.

But, there is no legitimate reason for controversy to exist among the restaurant community regarding this program because participation is voluntary, said Julie Rosenberg, communications employee with the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.

"We do know there have been some reservations among some restaurateurs," she said, adding establishments are free to set their own policies for the way they will offer the service.

In fact, this flexible legislation allows restaurateurs to decide when and if they will use it; for instance, a manager may decide to implement the endorsement on a slow night, said Campion.

"It is a business decision as to how they want to exercise this particular initiative."

Ennio's Pasta House on King Street North in Waterloo will not apply for a licence, said manager Herbert Hernandez.

"I don't care much for it."

He also said he believes only one restaurant in the region has applied for a BYOW endorsement, although he is unsure which one.

Dave Stewart, manager of Country Boy restaurant on Manitou Drive, said the eatery is not going to apply for a licence because that alone costs between \$300 and \$500, an excessive amount in his opinion.

"It doesn't really fit our bill."

Rhonda Schenk, manager of Moose Winooski's on Sportsworld Drive in Kitchener, said the company has yet to decide if it will participate in the BYOW program.

Consumer and Business Minister Jim Watson said this legislation is about giving customers options, according to a Jan. 29 article in the Toronto Star, titled Restaurants Running with New Wine Service.

He said Quebec, Alberta, New York, New Zealand and many parts of Europe all subscribe

Monday and Tuesday one week, and if they think it's popular, they will use it four days the next week.

"Then some other restaurant may think it's not so good so they may have had it for four days one week but then cut back to just Monday and Tuesday the next."

"All that is legitimate."

Conestoga College students are of mixed opinion regarding the new BYOW legislation.

First-year journalism student Kristin Grifferty, 21, is against the initiative because she believes driving with open alcohol in the car could lead to a rise in impaired driving.

"What do you do with the bottle? Put it in the cup holder?"

Her classmate, 22-year-old Vanessa Parker, agrees.

"It will be harder for service staff to keep track of how much people drink."

Business student Nem Saric, 19, an occasional wine drinker, thinks the initiative is a good idea.

"It will cost customers a lot less

to drink in restaurants than before."

To obtain the necessary endorsement to participate in the BYOW program, restaurants must apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission.

Establishments that are eligible to participate in the initiative include family and fine-dining restaurants, cafés, hotel and motel restaurants and banquet halls, notes a news release by the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.

FACT BOX

- Call ahead to ensure restaurant offers BYOW or THTR
- Ask what the corkage fee is
- Ask if there are any restrictions, like a minimum food order or limits to the number of bottles you can bring
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The Incredibles makes an incredible DVD

By MIKE BORS

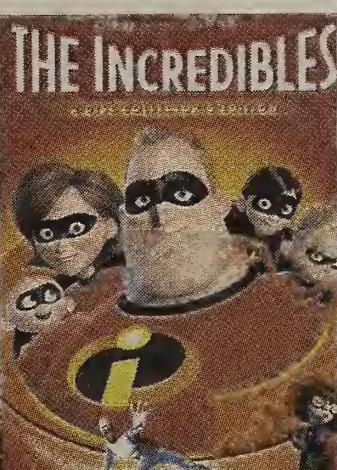
You know long before the opening credits are finished rolling that The Incredibles will live up to its name.

The first tip-off is seeing that trusty old Pixar lamp bounce across the screen. The lamp has become a reliable symbol for quality filmmaking, so you know you'll be dazzled by the animation.

The second is the creative way that we're introduced to the film's main characters. They're shown as though they're being interviewed on a newscast, which gives the film an instant nostalgic feel as well as putting us in the mindset of what life is like for these superheroes.

What follows is a series of action scenes, each one making the last one look like a warm-up, broken up by scenes of character development far better than most live action films of the past decade.

The plot involves a family of superheroes who must keep their powers secret, not because they're hiding from bad guys, but because super powers have been outlawed after the U.S. decided they couldn't afford the lawsuit launched against the heroes by the people they've saved (one of the heroes is sued by the passengers of a train he saved from crashing because



(Internet photo)
The Incredibles DVD has several extra features such as animation bloopers and animated shorts.

animated.

Director Brad Bird treats his audience with nothing but respect, realizing that we're ready to hear a wonderful story as opposed to the endless pop culture references that spewed from both Shrek 2 and Shark Tale last year.

The whole family-with-real-problems subplot makes the larger part of middle class North America instantly relate to the characters.

The extras on the two-disc DVD set are even further proof that adults are meant to enjoy this film. They include two making-of documentaries, animation bloopers, a couple new animated shorts, theatrical trailers and much more.



(Photo by Ryan Connell)

Run! Run! Run!

Police foundations students jog in front of the college's Doon campus on a chilly St. Patrick's Day morning.

Stott's new album shows new maturity

By DAWN HASSEN

Amanda Stott's new album is much more mature than her last one.

I really enjoyed her new album, Chasing the Sky, which was released March 8. All her songs, her singing and her soft music make for one pretty sounding CD.

But don't listen to it if you don't like country music, because Stott's songs probably won't make the adult contemporary charts, like other country artists Shania Twain and Faith Hill, who have been experimenting with pop music sounds. Stott, however, is country all the way. And country at its best.

The first track, and my personal favourite, Getting There, is a fun tune that makes you want to swing your hips. It's about taking a walk in your own shoes and trying to learn more about yourself, which a lot of people can relate to, especially at this age.

She has a few slow songs about love and heartbreak like Cry and Homeless Heart that she brings to life with her high-pitched yet soft voice and heart-drumming emotion.

Slightly faster tunes like Paper Rain and She'll Get Over It offer a nice change to an album filled with slower, more harmonic beats.

If you're at all interested in country music and you like a lot of soft, pretty songs, take a listen.

It is hard for me to believe that this singer-songwriter is only 22. She has definitely come a long way since her last album, which was self-titled. It featured a somewhat corny song called Somebody to Love, but her first single, Black is Black, was a catchy tune that first made me notice her when I saw the video on Country Music Television. Her first album was dedicated to her sister Andrea Leigh-Ann, who died in an accident when she was three, before Stott was born.

Stott is from Brandon, Man. She grew up on her parents' cattle and organic grain farm.

Her new album concludes with the hard-hitting track, My Real Life, yet another pretty tune about



(Internet photo)
Songstress Amanda Stott writes about more mature topics on her new album.

life and love. Where most country albums I've listened to usually have an undesirable song for the last track, Stott wrapped it up on a high note, literally.

If you're at all interested in country music and you like a lot of soft, pretty songs, take a listen. You won't regret it.



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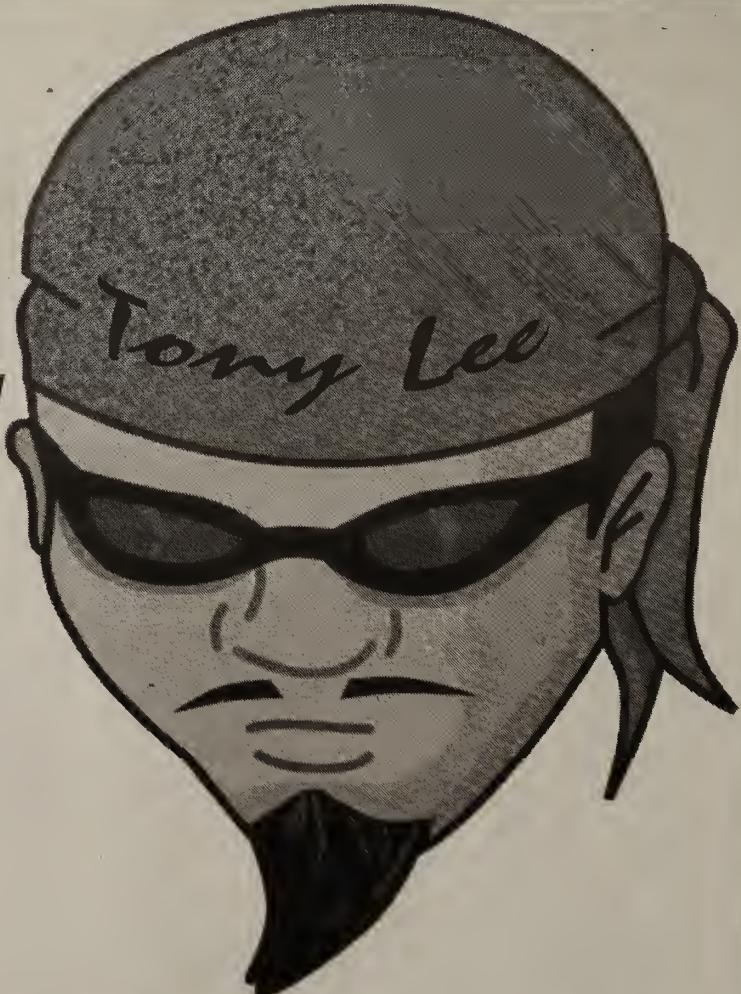
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Scott steps in as temporary CJIQ program specialist and station manager

By JON YANEFF

CJIQ's sales and marketing manager is temporarily taking over as the station's manager and broadcasting program specialist.

Paul Scott, 52, will perform the former duties of Mark Burley until Conestoga College hires Burley's replacement.

"Essentially my role is to make sure the radio station runs smoothly until they figure out how they are going to replace (Burley)," Scott said.

Scott's job duties include responding to most of the listener inquiries and making sure CJIQ is conforming to its Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission programming requirements.



(Photo by Chantelle Timperley)

False alarm

Firefighters respond to a fire alarm that went off Monday, March 21. It was caused by a smoking microwave in the E-wing teacher's lounge.

Way To Go gets you where you need to go

By ALEXANDRA MASTRONARDI

A taxi can be costly and buses are often time-consuming.

Money and time are two things most students don't have, which is why Sherrie Hetzel said her shuttle service is great for students.

The Way To Go shuttle service offers cheap rates for students at the Conestoga Residence and Conference Centre.

Fees start at \$5 for a ride to some areas in Kitchener. A trip to Toronto Pearson International Airport costs \$80.

"I wanted to offer people something cheap that will get them around and keep them safe," said Hetzel, the president of Way To Go.

The company was formerly a courtesy shuttle service offered by a local Best Western hotel.

Hetzell turned the courtesy shuttle into a business in

He also takes care of any technical issues the radio station may have such as equipment malfunctions and transmitter errors.

Second-year broadcasting student Matt Schichter helps manage the station by performing some of the computer functions such as generating daily music logs and commercial logs.

The broadcasting co-ordinator, Mike Thurnell, also has been helping out with some of the music programming.

CJIQ has an experienced person at the helm since Scott is a former radio station manager.

"I managed four radio stations out west in British Columbia," he said. "So it's pretty much the same thing I was doing down there."

Scott was the station manager at

CKXR, CKCR, CKGR and CKIR, all of which are located in the interior of B.C. He mostly worked in Okanagan Valley, which is, incidentally, the area where Burley moved.

Burley is now working for the B.C. interior radio division for Standard Broadcasting (Canada's largest broadcasting company) as the group programming director.

He oversees 21 of the 51 radio stations Standard Broadcasting has in Canada.

In December 2000, Scott returned to Ontario with his family and he became the general manager and morning host at CKWR 98.5 FM in Waterloo.

In April 2004 Scott was hired by the college as the sales and marketing manager for CJIQ 88.3 FM.

This is his second stint here, as he was the broadcasting co-ordinator for five years, from 1990-95, before moving to B.C.

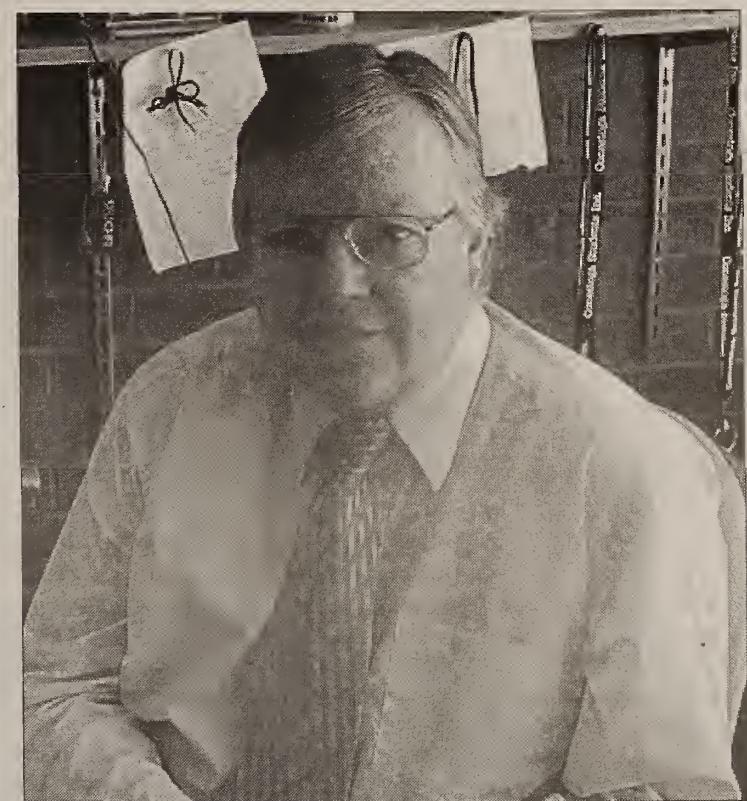
Scott also teaches the history of broadcasting course, as well as one first-year broadcasting course and one first-year radio-advertising course.

Scott said he enjoys any position the college gives him.

"I will work wherever the college can use my skills the most," he said.

"I enjoy working with the students and both positions (CJIQ sales and marketing manager and the station's manager and broadcast program specialist) allow me to do that."

Scott said the station is maintain-



(Photo by Jon Yaneff)

Paul Scott is CJIQ's sales and marketing manager and is temporarily the radio station's station manager and broadcasting program specialist. He has managed four radio stations in the past.

ing what Burley put into place.

"A new vision or new plans will have to wait for whoever they decide to hire," he said.

The college will announce its plans regarding the hiring of CJIQ's new station manager and broadcasting program specialist within the next two weeks.

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Cyclones players work hard on and off the ice

By JON YANEFF

According to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, a cyclone is a system of winds rotating inwards to an area of low barometric pressure.

The Listowel Cyclones have been living up to that definition. The Mid-Western Junior B hockey team has a high-powered offence that has been firing on all cylinders in the 2005 playoffs.

The Cyclones boast a lineup that includes three students from Conestoga College — defencemen Mike Feltz and Kyle Handsaeme and forward and team captain Kyle Verberne.

How do hockey players handle the stress of school and the pressure of hockey at the same time?

Verberne, 19, a first-year police foundations student, said he has to make sacrifices to keep up with his studies.

"Most of the time I can't go out and party because my team practises twice a week (Tuesday and Wednesday)," said Verberne. "I have to keep up with my homework so I don't fall behind."

Handsaeeme, 20, a second-year business management student, said it's tougher to keep up with school because playing hockey doesn't give him as much time as a normal person would have.

"I have to find a happy medium between hockey and school," said Handsaeeme, who is playing in his second season with Listowel.

Handsaeeme said playing hockey teaches him time management and multi-tasking and leadership skills for his program.

"You learn how to lead people," he said. "Leading either a group or a hockey team, you can learn to lead them to their full potential and you bring out their good qualities."

Verberne, who has played three seasons on the Cyclones, said playing hockey helps him with the fitness section of his program, keeping him in shape. This season he won the Mid-Western Junior B defensive player of the year award.

The Cyclones are going against the odds while making Mid-Western Junior B history in the process.

The Cyclones have blown past the Stratford Cullitons, sweeping their best-of-seven quarter-final four games to none. The Cyclones are the first team to knock the Cullitons out of the first round.

Mark Crawford, 20, a mechanical technician student, played for Listowel this year before being released. He then signed with the Cullitons.

"I went to Stratford thinking I'd go far into the playoffs, so it's tough to get beat out by my former team," said Crawford. "But, I'm happy for my friends on the Cyclones because

we've been friends a long time."

Listowel also won their semifinal matchup against the Kitchener Dutchie men four games to two, to advance against the fifth place Owen Sound Saugeen Greys in the league championship final.

By beating Kitchener they became the first seventh place team to make it to the final. They are also the first Listowel team to make it to the final in the franchise's 25-year history. In 2003 and 2004, Stratford and Kitchener both swept Listowel in the quarter-finals, so in a way the Cyclones have redeemed themselves.

"We have been more dedicated by playing a system that has allowed everyone to play in the same direction," said Handsaeeme. Defensively the Cyclones have been solid, allowing only 29 goals

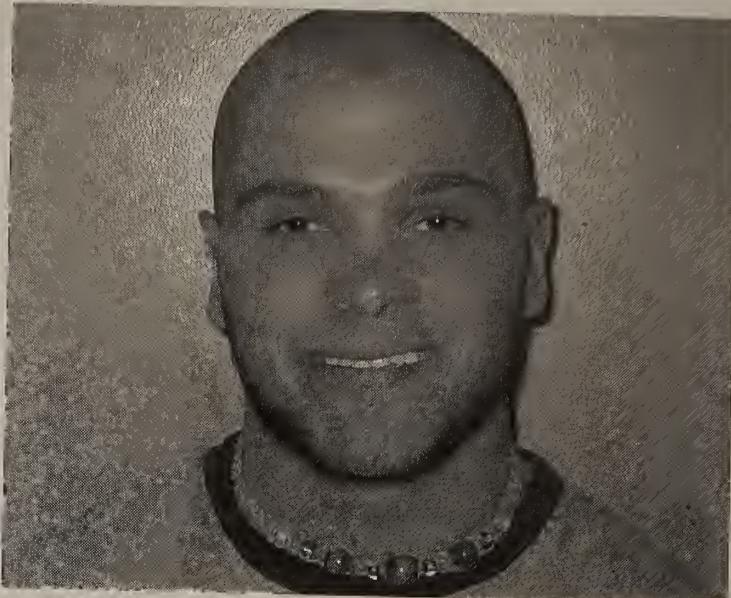
in their 12 playoff games.

The Cyclones are down two games to one against Owen Sound in the championship final as of March 23.

Handsaeeme said the Cyclones playoff run is a huge learning experience for him.

"I haven't got past the first round on any team I've played on, so it's pretty incredible," said Handsaeeme. He has also played for the St. Thomas Stars and the Waterloo Siskins during his three-year Junior B hockey league career.

If the Cyclones win the championship final against Owen Sound they go on to compete for the Sutherland Cup against the championship final winners of the Western Junior B Hockey League and the Golden Horseshoe Hockey League.



(Photo by Jon Yaneff)

Listowel Cyclones defenceman Kyle Handsaeme said he finds it tougher to keep up in school because playing hockey doesn't give him a lot of time for homework.



(Internet photo)
Triple H will take on Batista for the World Heavyweight Championship.



(Internet photo)
John Cena will face defending champ JBL for the WWE Championship.



(Internet photo)
The Undertaker will face Randy Orton in an inter-brand matchup.

Wrestlemania 21 promises wealth of physical matches

By MIKE BORS

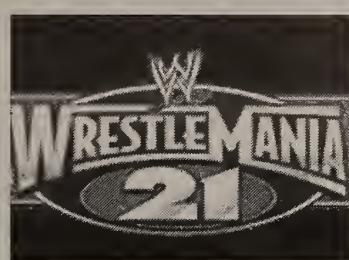
"The Super Bowl of Wrestling," as good ol' J.R. calls it, is back and this year it goes Hollywood. That's right; this year's Wrestlemania will be held in Los Angeles at the Staples Centre April 3, in front of a crowd that sold out in less than a minute. Though it's definitely not for all tastes, wrestling, and Wrestlemania in particular, really mean something to the loyal WWE fans who faithfully follow both Raw and Smackdown respectively.

Keeping with tradition, the winner of this year's Royal Rumble, former Evolution member Dave "the Animal" Batista, will get a title shot against the champion of his choosing. He chose to turn on his mentor Triple H so he could "beat the man."

The buildup for this match was handled well as they teased Batista turning on Triple H for a number of months. The match itself probably won't be anything special due to Batista's physical dominance, and one-sided main events never go over too well with the fans. However, it's always nice to see Triple H get pinned even though every wrestling fan knows he'll have his belt (and I do mean HIS belt) back within a couple of months. The match is considered the main event of the Raw division of the WWE and, since Batista won the Royal Rumble, will be the main event of the night. Anticipation: 8 (out of 10).

The Smackdown main event features the WWE Champion JBL against the "doctor of thuganomics" John Cena. This match had little if any buildup before it was signed so it's got that going against it. Cena has been very popular as of late so it won't make sense if he doesn't win the title. In fact, the crowd may start a riot if he doesn't (they are in L.A.). The most fascinating thing about this match will be to see just how good JBL looks. He's been with the company since the mid-'90s and he only became a title contender last spring. He's really going to be out to prove himself, and to do that, he's going to have to make Cena look really good without making himself look bad. Anticipation: 7.

In a Raw vs. Smackdown inter-promotional match, "The Heartbreak Kid" Shawn Michaels



The other inter-promotional match of the evening has Raw's Randy Orton battling Smackdown's Undertaker. The premise for this match started off well, Orton's reputation as "the legend killer" played well against the legendary Undertaker, who is 12 and 0 at Wrestlemanias. Both wrestlers have everything to lose in this match, since both their reputations are based on the outcome. It's too bad that a series of stupid/pointless interview segments have made Orton look like the little weenie he is. Anticipation: 8 (it's still not obvious who will win, which is why the anticipation is so high, but if they keep promoting it so badly, nobody will care who wins, which is why the anticipation isn't higher).

The rest of Smackdown's card looks like this:

The Big Show will face Akebono in a Sumo Challenge match. The only reason to look forward to this one is to see these two giants (Show is over seven feet with Akebono not far behind) stare each other down before the match. Anticipation: 4.

The Cruiserweight Title will be on the line when Chavo Guerrero Jr. defends against Paul London.



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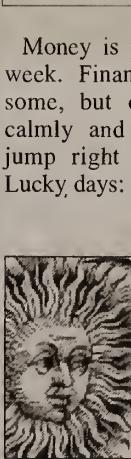
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Paige Hilton is a second-year journalism student holding fate in the palm of her hand.



You're not sick often, but take extra care this week in taking your vitamins and getting enough rest. A nasty bug could be around the corner. Lucky days: 30th, 3rd.

Learn to trust your friends. It may seem like they're prying, but they have your best interests at heart. Making decisions can be easier if you hash things over with friends. Lucky days: 28th, 2nd.



You might look like a model, but feel like a ghoul. It's not as bad as you think! You'll feel better, and confidence is a surefire way to attract admirers. Lucky days: 28th, 31st.

Jamie Foxx won an Oscar for Ray, and this week you'll be putting on an Oscar-worthy act. Quite pretending and be yourself, before all the attention inflates your ego. Lucky days: 29th, 3rd.



Spend extra time with loved ones this week. Patch up problems and have some laughs. You'll feel energized for the weeks and months ahead. Lucky days: 31st, 2nd.

Watch out for distractions this week. That nap or late movie seems inviting, but you have too much to get done to start slackening. Get the important stuff done first, then reward yourself. Lucky days: 1st, 3rd.



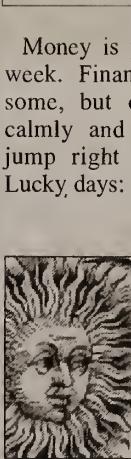
Feel like you deserve more? Ask for what you want without the guarantee of getting it. You never know, you might just get that raise at work. Lucky days: 30th, 1st.

Actions speak louder than words. Situations this week will call for action, not jaw-flapping. Show some initiative and determination and it can lead you anywhere. Lucky days: 29th, 31st.



You possess the ability to surprise yourself. Don't be afraid to do something different. It's time to make a big change. And when it happens, you'll be glad you made the choice. Lucky days: 1st, 3rd.

You think you're making a sound argument, but be aware of when you're being too stubborn. Keep an open mind and listen to other opinions, you may feel enlightened. Lucky days: 28th, 1st.



Money is your kryptonite this week. Finances can be worrisome, but don't panic. Think calmly and plan ahead, don't jump right in like Superman. Lucky days: 29th, 2nd.

If you have a flare for the arts, this week is the time to break out the paint brushes. Your creativity is flowing at full force and you can create a lot with a little inspiration. Lucky days: 29th, 3rd.

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Monday ~
All Day
Adam Sandler
Flicks



~ Tuesday
The One & Only
MISTA MO
Sanctuary - 11:30am



Thursday ~
Mr. GAVIN STEPHENS
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